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SUBJECT: VATICAN CONSTERNATION OVER CATOLICKE NOVINY ARTICLE

1. VATICAN FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES RELATED TO US MAR 23 THEIR CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER MAR 18 " CATOLICKE NOVINY" ARTICLE ALLEGING THAT " PACEM IN TERRIS" MEETING HAD BEEN HELD IN OLOMOUC ARCHBISHOPAL PLACE. IF " CATOLICKE NOVINY" STORY TRUE, SOURCES SAID IT REPRESENTS SERIOUS VIOLATION OF RECENT VATICAN- GOC AGREEMENT AND WILL MAKE DIFFICULT VATICAN PARTICIPATION IN NEXT BILATERAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY. UNTIL STORY FULLY CLARIFIED, HOWEVER, VATICAN DOES NOT PLAN TAKE ANY STEPS.

2. ACCORDING TO VATICAN, " CATOLICKE NOVINY" HAS YET TO PUBLISH JOINTLY AGREED STATEMENT ON VRANA' S RESIGNATION FROM " PACEM IN TERRIS," WHICH WAS TO BE DONE AT TIME HIS CONSECRATION. SOURCES ALSO REPEATED THAT OTHER THREE BISHOPS WERE NEVER ASSOCIATED WITH PEACE PRIEST MOVEMENT AS REPORTEDLY CLAIMED IN " CATOLICKE NOVINY".

3. FOUR NEW CZECH BISHOPS EXPECTED VISIT ROME SHORTLY AFTER EASTER, AND VATICAN DOES NOT EXPECT TO CLARIFY ABOVE SITUATION UNTIL THAT TIME. VOLPE

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